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Week ended September 8, 1906. Restrictions enforced against Hongkong by Burma, Dutch East Indies, Indo-China, Newchwang, Singapore, and Siam have been withdrawn.

No quarantinable diseases.

*Precautions taken at Hongkong during the month of August, 1906, for the protection of the public health of the United States, the insular territory, and the Republic of Panama.*

Vessels inspected and granted bills of health .....	37
Vessels fumigated to kill vermin .....	1
Examined for diseases contemplated in paragraphs 29 and 67 of the Quarantine Regulations:	
(a) Personnel .....	3,655
(b) Passengers .....	702
Required to bathe and undergo special examination:	
(a) Personnel .....	2,576
(b) Passengers .....	697
Examined for diseases contemplated by the laws controlling immigration:	
Aliens .....	603
Rejected .....	172
Baggage:	
(a) Inspected and labeled .....	30
(b) Disinfected and labeled .....	3,142
Return of quarantinable diseases: Plague, 11 cases, 9 deaths.	
Cargo stored (par. 22):	
Human hair .....	boxes.. 50
Bristles .....	do.... 25

*Emigrants recommended for rejection.*

Number of emigrants per steamship *Tremont* recommended, August 22, 1906, for rejection: For Tacoma, 1.

Per steamship *Mongolia*, August 28, 1906: For Honolulu, 2; for San Francisco, 38; in transit, 5.

Per steamship *Doric*, September 14, 1906: For Honolulu, 4; for San Francisco, 17; in transit, 7.

*Disinfecting plant sunk by typhoon—Vessels bound for Manila directed to proceed to Mariveles, and vessels for the United States ports to Kobe or Yokohama for disinfection.*

A typhoon of great and unusual severity visited Hongkong on the morning of Tuesday, September 18.

The disinfecting hulk *Stanfield*, which for some years past has done the service work, was sunk at her buoy; consequently, for a time disinfection of passengers and crews can not be done here. I am directing ships bound to Manila to proceed to Mariveles for fumigation. In the case of ships bound for the United States I have thought it best to advise them to have the disinfection done at Kobe or Yokohama under the supervision of the medical officer stationed there.

The Fumigating Bureau (Limited) has just had completed a new and more modern disinfecting plant, which now lies across the harbor in the dockyard. A temporary mat shed will be built over this, and it is hoped to have it in working order in a few days.

Owing to the fact that most of the cargo lighters in the harbor have been lost it is necessary to allow the Manila steamships to go alongside a wharf to load cattle. As they go to a wharf, where usually only kerosene is handled, and stay but a few hours during the day and proper precautions are taken, the danger of rat infection is almost nil.

It is probable that this practise must be continued some time, as it will undoubtedly be several months before Hongkong can recover from the effects of the typhoon and be able to handle cargo as before.

## COSTA RICA.

*Reports from Limon, fruit port.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Goodman reports as follows:

Week ended October 6, 1906. Estimated population, 5,000; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, fair. There is no evidence of any quarantinable disease in or near Limon.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.
Sept. 30	Prinz A. Wilhelm.....	New York.....	103	67	41
Oct. 1	Esparta.....	Boston.....	40	0	0
4	Bertha.....	New Orleans.....	26	0	0
4	Chirripo.....	New York.....	56	1	0
6	Preston.....	New Orleans.....	32	0	0
6	Alps.....	do.....	26	0	0

One bill of health for a Panamanian port was viséed.

Week ended October 13, 1906. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, fair.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.
Oct. 7	Sibiria.....	New York.....	55	29	8
8	Montserrat.....	Ponce, P. R.....	118	39	65
9	San José.....	Boston.....	43	0	0
10	Hispania.....	Mobile.....	20	0	0
10	Alabama.....	New Orleans.....	18	0	0
11	Reventazon.....	New York.....	52	1	0
13	Ellis.....	New Orleans.....	32	0	0

Two bills of health were viséed for Panamanian ports.

## CUBA.

*Report from Cardenas—Inspection of vessels—Sanitary conditions.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Ives reports, October 15, as follows:

Week ended October 13, 1906. One "supplemental bill of health" issued to steamship *Regina*, with a crew of 26; men in good health. No communicable diseases have been reported. One health certificate was issued. During the week, in company with the American consul, I examined some latrines, water-closets, back alleys, and back yards, with the object of forming an accurate opinion of sanitary condition of premises. Some of them were decidedly unsanitary. The general cleaning of the city has been very much neglected.